

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 15 May, 2000 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson, Mr B Weir.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
1 member of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr D Paterson and Mr F Seed.

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2000

The Chairman signed the Minutes, which had previously been circulated, as a correct copy.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.3.9 Millennium project

Plaque to Gavin family – The Village Hall Committee had given their approval for the plaque to be erected on the West wall of the Village Hall. It was felt that wording should be included to say it had been done as a Millennium project so Mrs Darling and Mrs Robinson were going to discuss this with the plaque makers, Northern Signs and make a decision unless any difficulty arose when it would be brought back to the next meeting. A donation towards the cost had been offered but it may be necessary to have a coffee morning to raise more funds.

3.5 Dog fouling – A bin to be placed at the East exit to the village near the 30 mile sign.

8(m) Parking for Jim Clark Rally – Mr Weir said that Mr Sanderson had been approached for use of the Glebe field. The Duns Tennis Club would organise the parking and benefit from the proceeds.

8(q) Scotland's Floral Gateway – No report as no one could attend the meeting. Entering the competition would be considered when rules were known. Everything was in hand for Hall window box display and planting of public places.

9 Lorries using Gavinton Main Street – The police said as there was no incidence of injury crashes, deployment of resources to Gavinton could not be justified. However traffic crews would visit the village.

4 PLANNING APPLICATION

Proposed farmhouse, east of Gavinton – Mrs Darling thanked members for their comments but said SBC Planning Department were asking the owners for more details and we would be kept informed.

Garages, South Street, Gavinton – SBC were looking for alternative sites for garages. The development of the strip has not yet been before Planning Department.

Both applications will go to the Area Committee at the end of May.

5 REPORT ON CONSULTATION MEETING, 27 APRIL, SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This was a Scottish Parliamentary Inquiry into the impact of changing employment patterns, poverty and housing in rural areas, and was attended by Mrs Darling. MSP Euan Robson made a presentation and discussions in 3 groups took place. The purpose is to drive the Scottish Parliament forward. A report will be available in Kelso Library.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance stood at £276.56 on 5th April 2000.

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- (a) Ranger led walks and countryside activities 2000/01.
- (b) Eastern Borders Development Association, nominations for award by 31 October.
- (c) Railtrack Scotland
- (d) Land of Creativity, cycling festival out of Duns, 16 June.
- (e) Scotland's Natural Heritage Magazine No 17.
- (f) East of Scotland Water, (meetings already circulated).
- (g) SBC Consultation Document on The Scottish Borders Community Plan, March 2000. Comments by 1 June.
- (h) Scottish rural community transport roadshow, Galashiels, 9 May.
- (i) Borders Carers Centre, Issue No 13.
- (j) BAVS Workshop "Making your organisation more effective"
- (k) BAVS Newsletter, April 2000. – Ian Gill to bring to attention of Village Hall Committee that East Of Scotland Water will install, free of charge, water meters in halls.
- (l) Borders Local Health Council
- (m) Custom-made notice boards.
- (n) Association of Scottish Community Councils, annual report & accounts 1999-2000.
- (o) SBC, Scottish Borders Children's Panel Advisory Committee, vacancy.

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Gavinton Village Green – Grass cut but mowings left. Request for grass to be strimmed around play equipment.
- (b) Greenrig - The easement to make access across Green to garage has not been completed. Mrs Darling to discuss with Mr Maclean, SBC, Planning.
- (c) Gavinton and Fogo Village Hall Notice Boards – It was suggested that the old ones should be replaced with glass fronted ones with keys. Ownership to be determined. This will be progressed.
- (d) Gavinton Play Area – Still £2000 to spend. The Play Committee have decided to install a hop-scotch pad, balancing beam and basket ball net.

The Chairman proposed that the basket ball net should not be erected, seconded by Mrs Robinson. Mr Humphry proposed a counter motion that it should be erected, seconded by Mr Weir. This was put to a show of hands and the counter motion was carried by 5 votes to 3.

The Play Committee to spend the money as soon as possible.

- (e) Grass cutting Fogo to Bogend – Request for this as the verges are very overgrown and this is a safety hazard for traffic bringing children to the play school.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 3 July 2000 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Monday, 14 August 2000.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman *M. L. Doherty* Date *3/7/00*